

In the Claims:

Claim 1. (currently amended) A cargo loading and unloading device comprising:

a guide assembly being mountable on a vehicle, the vehicle having a longitudinally extending vehicle bed having a longitudinal axis, said guide assembly being mounted proximal an open end of the vehicle bed, said guide assembly
comprising a frame, said frame comprising a longitudinally extending beam that extends generally at right angles to the longitudinal axis of the vehicle bed when mounted to the vehicle, a connector guide attached to said frame, and at least one support guide attached to said frame-beam and each extending generally parallel thereto;

10 a movable carriage for holding cargo, said carriage being sized and configured to be at least partially receivable by the bed of the vehicle;

a connector having first and second ends, said second end being attached to said carriage;

15 a winch being sized and configured so that it is attachable to the vehicle, said first end of said connector being attached to said winch so that said connector extends from said winch over said connector guide to said carriage prior to loading said carriage in the vehicle.

Claim 2. (original) A cargo loading and unloading device as in claim 1, wherein said connector guide comprises a roller.

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Claim 4. (currently amended) A cargo loading and unloading device as in claim 1, wherein said guide assembly comprises at least two support guides.

Claim 5. (currently amended) A cargo loading and unloading device as in claim 1, wherein said at least one support guide comprises a roller.

A1 Claim 6. (original) A cargo loading and unloading device as in claim 1 wherein said guide assembly further comprises a pair of retaining guides mounted to said frame of said guide assembly, each of said retaining guides having a first end and a second end, said first ends of said retaining guides being spaced apart further from one another than said second ends of said retaining guides and said second ends of said retaining guides being spaced apart at a distance generally equal to or greater than the width of said carriage such that said carriage will pass therebetween.

Claim 7. (original) A cargo loading and unloading device as in claim 6 wherein each said retaining guide comprises a roller.

Claim 8. (original) A cargo loading and unloading device as in claim 1, wherein said guide assembly further comprises means for attachment of said guide assembly to a trailer hitch.

Claim 9. (original) A cargo loading and unloading device as in claim 8, wherein said means for attachment of said guide assembly to a trailer hitch comprises a peg extending downwardly from said frame, said peg being sized and configured to be received by a hollow tube attachable to and extending upwardly from the draw bar of a trailer hitch, whereby said guide assembly is mounted to a vehicle when said draw bar is inserted in the receiver of a hitch mounted on a vehicle.

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Claim 10. (new) A cargo loading and unloading device as in claim 1 wherein each of said at least two support guides lie in separate vertical planes, said vertical planes being spaced apart from one another.

Claim 11. (new) A cargo loading and unloading device as in claim 10 wherein each of said at least two support guides lie in a horizontal plane and said horizontal planes are spaced apart from one another.